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1. SUMMARY: BULGARIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INDICATES NO BASIC CHANGE IN GOB POSITION ON PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION, NOT SURPRISINGLY, BUT DOES SEEM TO SHOW WILLING TO PLAY MODERATING, DAMPENING ROLE IN MANEUVERINGS IF NOT DEBATE AT UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST SECRETARY CALLED ON STEFAN TODOROV, CHIEF OF MFA UN AND DISARMAMENT DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 1 TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON BULGARIAN COSPONSORSHIP OF PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION, AS PER REF A. (TODOROV WILL BE PRESENT IN NEW YORK FOR ENTIRE UNGA SESSION.) PRESENTATION STRESSED CONFRONTATION OVER ISSUE OF ONLY MARGINAL INTEREST TO BULGARIA COULD POSSIBLY
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INTERFERE WITH PRESENT POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN

US/BULGARIAN RELATIONS; BASIC UNREASONABLENESS OF DPRK POSITION; US FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE PROPOSAL; AND BULGARIA'S POTENTIAL FOR INFLUENCING DPRK TOWARD FLEXIBILITY AND FOR PLAYING MODERATING ROLE IN MANEUVERING AND POSSIBLE DEBATE AT UNGA.

3. TODOROV RESPONDED THAT BULGARIA WAS ONE OF MANY COSPONSORS OF PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION AND THAT COSPONSORSHIP OF COURSE REPRESENTED NO CHANGE IN BULGARIAN POSITION, ONE OF PRINCIPLE, BASED ON "SOLIDARITY WITH KOREAN PEOPLE." BULGARIA HAD NO DESIRE TO SEE CONFRONTATION AT UN ON THIS ISSUE THAT MIGHT INTERFERE WITH WHAT HE SAW AS GOOD RELATIONS DEVELOPING BETWEEN BULGARIA AND US, ESPECIALLY IN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS. TODOROV SAID IN GENERAL THAT HE HOPED THIS UNGA WOULD REFLECT GENERAL "LESSENING OF TENSIONS" IN DEBATE, CONSISTENT WITH POST-HELSINKI CLIMATE.

4. ON QUESTION OF FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE, WHICH TODOROV CALLED "OLD IDEA" AND WHICH EMBOFF THEN SAID WAS "STILL A GOOD IDEA," TODOROV SAID THAT GOB HAD NOT CONSULTED WITH DPRK ON THAT PROPOSAL (OR THE RESOLUTION) BUT THAT HE BELIEVED THAT BULGARIA WOULD SUPPORT ROK AND PRC PARTICIPATION IF DPRK WOULD. WHEN URGED TO USE BULGARIAN INFLUENCE TO GUIDE DPRK TOWARD REASONABLENESS ON THIS ISSUE, TODOROV SAID, "I THINK WE BOTH KNOW THE NORTH KOREAN REPUTATION FOR REASONABLENESS - AXES AND THINGS," RAISING HIS EYEBROWS.

5. IN CLOSING, HE PROMISED TO CALL US PRESENTATION TO ATTENTION OF MFA MINISTER MLADENOV AND REPEATED BULGARIA'S DESIRE THAT THIS "OBLIGATORY" POSITION OF BULGARIA AT UN NOT INTEREFERE WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS. EMBOFF REPEATED THAT THIS, IN PART, DEPENDED ON LEVEL OF HEAT OF CONFRONTATION AT UN AND THAT US REMAINED HOPEFUL THAT BULGARIA COULD EXERCISE RESTRAINING INFLUENCE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK AND ON DPRK ACTIONS. TODOROV RESPONDED BY PREDICTING THAT

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THIS UNGA WOULD BE LOW ON TENSION, COVERING FAMILIAR ISSUES "THAT EVERYONE IS TIRED OF" WITH EXCEPTION OF SOUTH AFRICA WHICH HE BELIEVED WOULD BE VERY LIVELY FOCUS OF SESSION.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT ANY CHANGE OF BULGARIAN VOTE (PARA 7 REFTTEL B.) AT SAME TIME, TODOROV GAVE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT, FOR BULGARIA,

PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION IS ROUTINE POSITION, NOT TO BE
ABANDONED OF COURSE CONSIDERING OVERALL POLICY, BUT
ALSO NOT ONE TO BLEED AND DIE FOR. TODOROV LISTENED
AND RESPONDED CAREFULLY TO PRESENTATION AND RETURNED
SEVERAL TIMES TO POINT, CLEARLY TAKEN, THAT GOB DID
NOT WISH THIS ISSUE, MORE IMPORTANT TO US THAN TO
BULGARIA, TO INTERFERE WITH PRESENT RELATIVELY SMOOTH
FLOW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. WHEN MANEUVERING BEINGS
ON KOREAN RESOLUTIONS AT UN, IT IS POSSIBLE BULGARIANS
MIGHT PLAY DAMPENING ROLE AMONG COSPONSORS OR WELCOME
EFFORTS TO DEFER WHOLE KOREAN QUESTION THIS SESSION.
USUN MAY WISH TO APPROACH TODOROV ON THIS QUESTION
WHEN TIME COMES.
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